



Quarterly Newsletter of the Planning Division

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## Focus on... Transportation/ Multimodal Planning



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NDOT's Transportation/Multimodal Planning (TMP) section is focused on many different aspects of transportation planning. The section works with aviation, bicycle, freight, pedestrian, rail and transit modes; it also develops the Transportation System Projects (TSP) document. Activities range from educating the public on the wide array of transportation mode choices to public meetings to the development of policies and plans that will guide transportation in Nevada for years to come. Most of the section personnel are located in Carson City, however, four members of the team are located in Las Vegas.

The section works to develop the TSP document that contains the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Annual Work Program (AWP) and Long-Range Element. The section also administers the Safe Routes to School Transportation Enhancement, Scenic Byways and Project Submittal programs. TMP works to coordinate with the MPOs and local agencies along with organizing county tours and workshops. These programs and activities work to create unique transportation systems that enhance quality of life for Nevadans. They also improve connectivity between neighborhoods, businesses and schools.

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TMP helps the public to learn about and be aware of alternative transportation modes. Some of these efforts include: bicycle rodeos, Nevada Moves Day, bus rodeos, booths at meetings/conventions/events, public meetings, Bicycle/Pedestrian Conference, public speaking opportunities, maps and brochures. Often this outreach helps the public understand and become better educated on additional safe modes of transportation. After all, once we get out of our cars, we are all pedestrians.

The staff works with many public bodies and works as staff to the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Board, Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee and the Statewide Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. All three of these bodies are subject to the rules and regulations of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

### **Several significant planning efforts are underway among them are:**

The Nevada State Rail Plan is being updated and will be available by summer 2012. Information about the plan can be reviewed at <http://nvrailplan.com/>. Goals of the plan are to enhance the safety and efficiency of the state's rail transportation system, optimize Nevada's rail potential to effectively address social, economic, environmental and energy effects and to develop organizational structure and strategies yielding a streamlined process for implementing Nevada's rail transportation improvements.

The State Bicycle Plan is also being updated. The last time the plan was significantly updated was 2003. The overarching goal of this update is to improve all aspects of the bicycling environment. Tasks that will be completed over the course of the 18-month study include: stakeholder meetings, public involvement, existing conditions, vision, goals and objectives, recommended policy updates and implementation plan.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was just completed. This plan is updated every two years and discusses the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with limited incomes. The areas of the state outside of the urbanized areas of Clark and Washoe Counties were studied. Clark and Washoe develop their own plans. This plan supersedes the previous edition that was completed in 2008.

The Connecting Nevada: Planning Our Transportation Future study is also underway (please see 3rd Quarter 2011, Plan IT!) or [www.connectingnevada.org](http://www.connectingnevada.org) for more information.

In the near future, the section is looking to study the I-80 corridor. This study will further position Nevada to be the national leader in terms of the overall transportation system it provides for the traveling public.

Several northern offices of TMP recently moved. The majority of staff has moved into the 400 West King Street Building (corner of Division and King Streets) in Carson City. The Aviation/Rail/Freight group moved into the modular building east of the main headquarters building and Special Projects moved into the 2nd floor TMP office. The staff located on the second floor of the Headquarters Building in Carson City remains in the same location.

***TMP Southern Nevada Team***



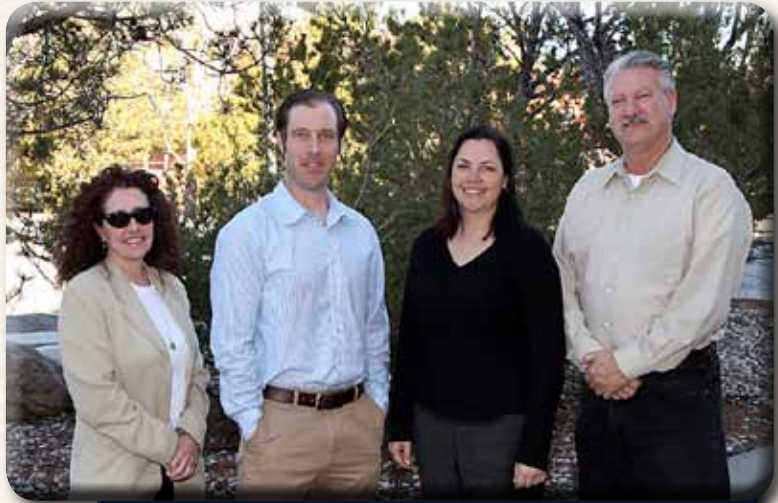
***(L to R) Tony Letizia, Melvin McCallum, Cleveland Dudley, Angélica Beltrán-Martínez***



## Meet the New Planners

**Laurie Anne Grimes** was born in Reno, but spent a considerable amount of her childhood in France and Spain. She graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. in Spanish, English and Italian along with a master's in Foreign Language Education from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). She enjoys spending time with family; skiing, sailing, traveling, reading, and listening to her kids play jazz. She works in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Office of Transportation/Multimodal Planning.

**Bob Madewell** graduated with a Management Administration degree from Solano College and has worked in the transportation field since 1974. The bulk of this time he worked for the City of Fresno, he also worked as a consultant and spent time working in law enforcement. In his free time he enjoys camping and fishing along with riding his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. He works in the Traffic Information Section of NDOT Planning.



*(L to R) Laurie Anne Grimes, Kevin Verre, Heather Manzo, Bob Madewell*

**Heather Manzo** was born and raised in Reno. She graduated from UNR with a B.S. in geography. After spending a few years as a land-use planner, Heather made the transition to a transportation planner. A former 'city slicker' now transformed into someone who really enjoys the rural lifestyle, she enjoys riding her horse directly out of her yard onto the trail. She even was able to take her pet goats to meet Santa at Pet Smart. She is happily married and has a daughter.

**Kevin Verre** grew up in Carson City. He graduated from the UNR with a B.S. in Environmental Policy and a master's in Resource Economics and Statistics. In his free time he enjoys skiing, biking and other outdoor activities. He works in the Transit Office of NDOT Transportation/Multimodal Planning.

## NEW Traffic Record Information Access (TRINA) TRAFFIC INFORMATION MAP

NDOT's Traffic Information group is pleased to announce a brand-new TRINA traffic count website map. Many of you are familiar with the previous TRINA site. The new TRINA traffic count website is a greatly improved way to find all NDOT traffic counts.

Traffic counts provide NDOT with valuable information in planning and executing our road projects and operations.

Log onto [www.nevadadot.com/Trina](http://www.nevadadot.com/Trina) or [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) and select the "Documents" link in the upper right.



## NDOT's Safety Engineering Develops a Web Portal for Users of Safety Data to Easily Display and Analyze Nevada Citation/Accident Tracking System (NCATS) Crash Data

NDOT Safety Engineering has recently developed a web portal to make crash data more easily accessible to Safety officials and other safety stakeholders who wish to view and query NCATS Crash Data. NDOT contracted with ITIS Corporation to develop a Google-Based Dashboard for viewing Crash data statewide.

Now, in an agreement with Southern Nevada RTC, NDOT and the RTC have partnered to develop a pilot website customized to the needs of the Las Vegas Valley Safety community. Crash data has been organized by jurisdiction (Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Clark County, and all Nevada), and can be viewed with background maps as requested by users (such as Clark County School Districts).

### Highlights:

- Current NCATS data available from January 2006 to December 2011
- Easy interface showing maps, charts, graphs and tables

Please contact Lawrie Black at [lblack@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:lblack@dot.state.nv.us) or 775-888-7206 for login information.

### Key Dates

April 2, 2012	STTAC
April 5, 2012	State Transportation Board
April 25, 2012	Nevada Moves Day
May 14-18, 2012	Bike to Work Week
May 17, 2012	Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
May 24, 2012	State Transportation Board
June 4, 2012	STTAC
June 12, 2012	Product Evaluation Meeting
June 25, 2012	State Transportation Board



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